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23. ~~(Twice Amended) A set according to claim 1 including a packaging set of a cylindrically shaped container adapted to enclose the collapsed set.~~

24. ~~(Amended) A packaging set according to Claim 21, wherein the container is formed of cardboard.~~

REMARKS

The preceding amendment and following remarks are submitted in response to the presently outstanding Office Action.

Objections were made to the Specification. These errors have been corrected in the enclosed new substituted Specification.

Claims 1-24 were objected to under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-24 have been amended in response thereto.

In paragraph 4 of the Office Action, Claims 1-7 and 9-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by European Patent 768634A1. Claim 1 has been amended to include the adjustment ability to receive different size displays. The essential feature of the present invention is this ability to readily receive and display items of different sizes. This is

enabled by Claim 1 being defined as being able to adjust the length of the upper and lower hooking devices to conform to the width of the display, and by providing different length flexible structure items which are attached to different parts of the base, depending upon their length to adjust to the length of the display. It is respectfully submitted that this capability is unique to the present invention and is not taught or suggested by European Patent 768634A1.

In paragraph 7, Claims 23 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dabrohua et al. (U.S. Patent No. 1,699,735) in view of European Patent 768634A1. It is respectfully submitted that Dabrohua et al. could not be collapsed into the "cylindrically shaped container" of Claim 23 because of the shape of support 2. It, therefore, could not teach this combination.

In addition, the present invention teaches additional elements that contribute to its performance and particularly distinguish the present invention over Dabrohua et al. These include a wide abutment base, a flexible structure and lower link means attached to the lower hooking devices.

Having thus addressed each objection and ground of rejection of the Examiner, currently pending Claims 1-24 are now asserted to be in condition for allowance. Entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Incorporated herein are the amended claims as they read after amendment. Please find herewith an ATTACHMENT reflecting the amended claims using bracketing and underlining format.

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ATTACHMENT

1. (Amended) A set [Set] of elements [(1)] used to set up light display furniture [(3)] for at least one display element [(2)], under substantial elevation stress, characterised in that said set (1 a combination of the following] comprising:

-lower [(14)] and upper [(13)] hooking devices between which the display element [(2)] is to be held[,] ;

-ground support devices [(35)] used to rest on ground[,] ;

-a base [(5)] having [comprising] lower linking devices [(34)] attached to the lower hooking devices [(14),] ;

-a flexible structure item being adapted to form an elevation structure which is attached to the base;

-[as well as] fixing devices [(38)] set] in the opposite elevation direction from the [according to elevation direction (E) of] support devices adapted [(35)] and ready] to receive [at least one lower end (40) of] the flexible structure item [(6)] from elevation structure (41),] ;

[at least one flexible structure item (6), and for example three items (6) ready to be assembled end to end to form an elevation structure (41) including a lower end (40) and an upper end (42), the upper end (42) being ready to be linked,

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via upper linking devices (7), to upper hooking devices (13), while the lower end (40) is ready to be firmly fixed to fixing devices (38) of base (5),]

-said base having [(5) including] no more than one[, sometimes no,] support area with a substantially elongate shape in the side direction [(38)] for the ground support devices [(35) which is then substantially single (58), like selective or linear support, placed at a distance following a side direction (L) in destination furniture (3), of lower linking devices (34),]

-lower and upper hooking devices, wherein the lower hooking devices have [(14) including] at least two separate [of its own] ground support devices arranged [(29) ready] to rest on the ground being spaced apart from each other, [respectively distant from one another according to] in a cross direction such as to form a wide abutment base; [(T) in assembled destination furniture (3)] and

-said lower and upper hooking devices having length adjusting means for adapting to different width display elements and said flexible structure item having a variety of lengths and base attachment locations for adapting to different length display elements.

2. The set [Set (1)] according to Claim 1, wherein [characterised in that] the support devices [(35)] of base [(5)] and[/or] the support devices [(29)] of the lower hooking devices [(14)] are [ready to be set in a trihedral or] quadrilateral in shape.
3. (Twice Amended) The set [Set (1)] according to Claim 1, characterised in that the support devices [(29)] of the lower hooking devices [(14)] include at least one part which can be slideably attached having [(30) ready to be slid into place and/or clipped, and with] a round shape [that is] perpendicular to the cross direction [(T), polygonal and/or round, this part (30) being a wheel, for example].
4. (Twice Amended) The set [Set (1)] according to Claim 1, wherein the [characterised in that] lower [(14)] and[/or] the upper [(13)] hooking devices have [include] at least one rod-shaped item having an elevation concavity [(16) ready to be placed] adapted for placement across said respective hooking device [in order to join] and attach the display element [(2), either via a binding item (15), or directly].
5. (Amended) The set [Set (1)] according to Claim 4, characterised in that said rod-shaped item [(16)] is [for

example] a carbon fibre tube[, for example] with a uniform cross-section.

6. (Twice Amended) The set [Set (1)] according to Claim 4, further comprising an [characterised in that] intermediate binding item arranged to attach the display element, said binding item having [(15) is] a side open [P] section, in the cross direction [(T)], said set further comprising [including] first holding devices [(19)] for the display element [(2)] and second holding devices [(20)] arranged [ready] to receive the rod-shaped item [(16)].

7. (Amended) The set [Set (1)] according to Claim 6, [characterised in that] wherein the first holding devices [(19)] are adhesively joined to the display element [(2)] notably, via tightening, gluing, welding or gripping , for example elastic gripping called "clipping".

8. (Twice Amended) The set [Set (1)] according to Claim 6, wherein [characterised in that] the first holding devices have [(19) contain] a slit [(24)] and said binding item has edges which protrude towards the slit along the side facing one

another and opposite the second holding device with the slit stretching across the edge [(22)] of the binding item [(15)], [found opposite second holding devices (20), ready to] the second binding item being arranged to join the first holding device to the display element [(2)], slit (24) comprising edges (25) which protrude towards the inside slit (24), along side (L) direction and following cross (T) direction, edges (24) facing one another].

9. (Twice Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 4 [3], characterised in that lower hooking devices [(14)] further include two support devices [(29)] with the support devices being located at each cross end of the rod-shaped item [(16)].

10. (Twice Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 1, characterised in that the base [(5)] has [no support devices, and has] at least two stretched parts, [(32), for example] which are substantially longitudinally lined up on either side of the fixing devices [(38)] of the [a] flexible structure [(6)], each stretched part having lower link devices [(34)] for the lower hooking devices [(14), for example front and back, with its own, for example quadrilateral, support devices (29)].

11. (Twice Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 4 [1], characterised in that the lower linking devices of the base [(34)] are hook-shaped and adapted [(59) ready] to join the rod-shaped item [(16)], with its elevation concavity pointed towards the support devices [(35)] of the base [(5)].

12. (Twice Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 1, characterised in that the fixing devices [(38)] of the base [(5)] further include several section cases [(39)] which are substantially perpendicular to the elevation direction [(E)] [and different from each other,] with each case [(39) thus] having a section which is substantially complementary to a predetermined lower end [(40)] of a predetermined [chosen] flexible structure item [(6)].

13. (Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 12, characterised in that the section cases [(39)] are substantially in line [lined up] across the [following] side direction [(L), for example, their sections which are substantially perpendicular to elevation direction are] and have decreasing areas towards the lower linking devices [(34)].

14. (Twice Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 1, characterised in that flexible structure item(s) [(6) is(are) ready to] forms a substantially linear elevation structure [(41)].
15. (Twice Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 1, characterised in that the elevation structure [(41)] contains several flexible structure items [(6), assembling devices (43) for each flexible structure item (6) ready to] which form at least one substantially flat-cone shaped cane, and at least one flexible structure item[(; (6))] being a tube of [(44), for example in] carbon fibre.
16. (Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 15, wherein [characterised in that] the lower end [(40)] of the elevation structure [(41)] has a [section covering a bigger] larger area than the [its] upper end [(42)].
17. (Twice Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 14, characterised in that assembling devices [(43) are] at the [a] lower end [(40)] of the tube length [(44)], have a section [(45) protruding towards] and have a second [another] tube [(44a)], with the section of the tube length protruding towards the second tube and [at] upper end [(42)] of the tube

length [(44a),] having a case of cylindrical shape [(46)
ready] adapted to receive the section [(45), being for example
of cylindrical shape].

18. (Twice Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 1,
characterised in that upper linking devices [(7) include]
first fixing devices are adapted to receive the [(51) for]
upper hooking devices [(13)] and have a second fixing device[s
(47)] at the upper ends [(42)] of the elevation structure
[(41)].

19. (Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 18,
characterised in that first fixing devices [(51) of linking
devices (7) include] have at least one notch, [such as a
gutter (52) and/or cross direction (T) spigot ready] adapted
to join with [rod-shaped item (16), or a complementary
concavity (56) of a binding item (15) of] the hooking devices
[(13)].

20. (Twice Amended) A set [Set (1)] according to Claim 18,
[characterised in that] wherein the second fixing devices
[(47) of linking devices (7) include] have an open [(49)] case
[(48)] which is pointed towards the base [(5)], being adapted

[ready] to attach the second fixing devices to the [receive]
upper end [(42)] of the elevation structure [(41)].

21. (Twice Amended) Light furniture [(3)] for a display element
[(2)], having [characterised in that it includes] a combined
display element [(2)] which is assembled into set of units
[(1)] according to [any one of] Claim 1.

22. (Amended) Furniture [(3)] according to Claim 21, having a
poster as a [characterised in that] display element [(2) is a
poster] and[/or] having [information support such as] a
flexible panel of [with] envelopes [(60), for example in] with
cellulose-type material [like paper, and/or synthetic material
like PVC, polyester or similar woven or unwoven material].

23. (Twice Amended) A [Packaging] set according to claim 1 [(54)]
including a packaging set of a cylindrically shaped container
[such as a cylindrical tube (55), for example in cardboard,
characterised in that it includes an element set (1) according
to any one of Claim 1] adapted to enclose the collapsed set.

24. (Amended) A p[P]ackaging set according to Claim 21, wherein
the [(54) including a] container [such as a cylindrical tube

(55), for example, in] is formed of cardboard[, characterised
in that it includes furniture (3) dismantled according to
Claim 21].